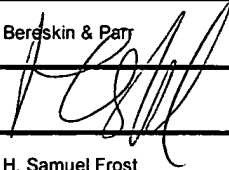


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The present communication is responsive to the Office Action of December 20, 2005 with respect to this application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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